Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, On March 13, 1885, Big Stone City, Dakota Territory, was incorporated. It consisted of the three adjoining towns of Inkpa City, Geneva, and Big Stone City; and,

Whereas, Big Stone City is appropriately named, because it is in the center of the area's granite industry. In the early days, there was a brick manufacturing plant which provided brick for schools, homes, and commercial buildings and a lime kiln which manufactured lime for plastering homes and businesses; and,

Whereas, A pavilion, seating over 1,000 people, was built to house the entertainment presented by the Chautauqua Association and included presentations by William Jennings Bryan, Carrie Nation, and Clarence Darrow; and,

Whereas, Chautauqua Park included a three-story hotel, a restaurant, cabin and tent rentals, a steam powered merry-go-around, and lakeside activities; and,

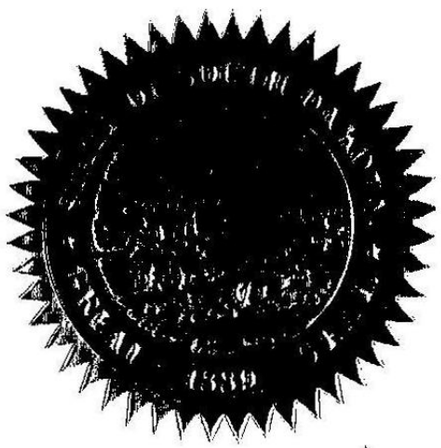
Whereas, Big Stone City and the surrounding area continues to be the destination for summer vacations, fishing, outdoor recreational activities, and is a prosperous industrial and manufacturing center; and,

Whereas, Big Stone City will celebrate its 125th Anniversary, saluting the past, present, and future all year as the spirit of Big Stone City continues to pull the community forward in celebration:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 9 – 11, 2010, as

BIG STONE CITY QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State